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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination in the above captioned application which has been filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Line 2, delete "said" and insert --and the--.

Line 8, delete "some".

Line 9, delete "and" and insert --to--.

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 14 (of the text), delete ",with" and insert --causing--.